

Mary Beth Beetham has spent her entire career working in the conservation field. Currently, she is the Director of Legislative Affairs for Defenders of Wildlife, a leading non-profit organization whose mission is the conservation of plants and animals in their natural communities. She has worked for Defenders since 1995, where she helps to oversee all legislative priorities for the organization, with a current focus on endangered species and federal budget and appropriations issues related to the protection and conservation of wildlife, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity.

Prior to her employment with Defenders of Wildlife, Ms. Beetham worked as legislative assistant for the Honorable Dan Hamburg (D-1 CA), carrying out his legislative program in environment and natural resources with an emphasis on: marine and anadromous fisheries; land use, especially forestry; endangered species; watershed restoration and management; coastal zone management; and water use.

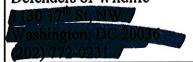
Ms. Beetham has also worked for the Maryland Zoological Society where she managed and studied exotic animals. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Antioch University and a Master of Science in Marine, Estuarine, and Environmental Sciences from the University of Maryland. Her master's thesis was an original research project on the toxic effects of acid deposition and aluminum upon natural aquatic microbial populations at the Department of Interior's Patuxent Environmental Sciences Center. Ms. Beetham was a recipient of a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship through the National Sea Grant Fellows Program.

Witness Disclosure Form

Clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires non-governmental witnesses to disclose to the Committee the following information. A non-governmental witness is any witness appearing on behalf of himself/herself or on behalf of an organization other than a federal agency, or a state, local or tribal government.

Your Name, Business Address, and Telephone Number:

Mary Beth Beetham Defenders of Wildlife



1. Are you appearing on behalf of yourself or a non-governmental organization? Please list organization(s) you are representing.

I am appearing on behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, a 501(c) 3 organization.

2. Have you or any organization you are representing received any Federal grants or contracts (including any subgrants or subcontracts) since October 1, 2008?

Yes – Defenders of Wildlife has received grants and contracts.

3. If your response to question #2 is "Yes", please list the amount and source (by agency and program) of each grant or contract, and indicate whether the recipient of such grant or contract was you or the organization(s) you are representing.

All grants are to Defenders of Wildlife.

Disclosure of recent federal grants received by Defenders of Wildlife October 2008-March 2012

Department of the Interior

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

- May 2009: \$9,000 as a cost-sharing grant to purchase GPS radio collars to monitor, track, and document grizzly bear activity along Montana's Rocky Mountain Front.
- April 2009: \$25,000 to provide technical assistance for Transportation programs

- March 2009: \$15,000 modification to an original \$30,000 grant to support a Conservation Program Director for the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (original grant received in July 2007)
- April 2009: \$50,000 for the Conservation Registry (pass-through via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- January 2010: \$95,000 for Oregon conservation strategy (pass-through via the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)
- March 2010: \$5,000 for the Conservation Registry
- July 2010: \$200,455 for pelagic bird study in the vicinity of the Deep Horizon oil spill. \$83,000 modification to the original contract made in March 2011
- March 2011: \$7,500 for hiring a coordinator for the annual Florida Panther Festival (pass-through via Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- -December 2011: \$19,965.40 for coordination of the work of the Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative and development of climate change content on the Conservation Registry (pass-through via the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Bureau of Land Management

April 2009: \$50,000 for the Conservation Registry (pass-through via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)

Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

- March 2011: \$36,204 for spatial methods for low-cost restoration of rangeland ecosystem services (pass-through via The Regents of the University of California)

Natural Resource Conservation Service

- July 2009: \$30,000 for the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition
- September 2009: \$74,480 for the Feasibility of Ecosystem Service Payments and Markets for California Rangeland Resource Enhancement
- November 2010: \$3,220 for the turbo-fladry experimental project
- August 2010: \$75,000 for the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition

- August 2010: \$75,000 for the development of metrics for three priority habitats in Oregon
- -September 2011: \$75,000 for continuing efforts of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition to monitor and value wildlife rangeland habitat and connectivity

U.S. Forest Service

- January 2009: \$43,702 for conservation capacity building in the Chesapeake Bay (pass-through via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- April 2009: \$50,000 for the Conservation Registry (pass-through via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- October 2009: \$15,000 for the Tri-County Habitat Sanitation Project
- August 2011: \$15,000 for the Tri-County Habitat Sanitation Project

Environmental Protection Agency

- January 2009: \$46,298 for conservation capacity building in the Chesapeake Bay (pass-through via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- January 2011: \$75,000 for land trust capacity building (pass-through via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)

Signature:



Date: 3/14/2012